

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

AVOID: A LEGEND OF THE ISLAND OF COE. WITH POETRY, LYRICS, MISCELLANEOUS, AND DRAMATIC. BY PAUL H. HAYNE. 12mo. pp. 240. Ticknor & Fields.

The poem, from which this volume takes its name, is founded on a story contained in Leigh Hunt's "Indicator." In some portions, it closely follows the original, though several new incidents are introduced, and a more purely ideal cast is given to the narrative. It is gracefully versified, and shows a familiar acquaintance with the resources of poetical expression. Of the miscellaneous contents of the volume, a large proportion consists of sonnets, one of the most tempting forms of composition to the young poet, but perhaps the least susceptible of being rendered attractive to the general reader. Mr. Hayne has not with considerable success in mastering its difficulties, though, we think, the most favorable specimens of his powers are to be found in his productions of a purely lyrical character. The sonnet written after reading Trelawney's description of the burning of Shelley's body is not unworthy of the subject.

Why did they take thee from this Ocean-grave, O man of many sorrows!—the blue sea Had been the bower, and the wandering wave That kissed the shores of thy loved Italy A solace and a blessing—the low moan Of the lamenting waters seemed to start Within thy soul an echo, and the tone Of a more mournful music in thy heart. O therefore didst thou seek them, and pour forth To their deep sympathy a sorrowing strain Of all the woe and wretchedness of earth; That strove to bend thy patient mind in vain; The Ocean heard thee, loved thee, and the breast Of Nature's mighty minstrel gave thee—rest.

The following lines are an example of the quiet music which often contrasts agreeably with the somewhat unpolished vigor of other portions of the volume.

A REMEMBRANCE.

Softly shone thy lustrous eyes On that silent Summer night, Softly on my awakened heart, Thrilling into love and light, Though from the near mountain's height The shadows wrap us solemnly.

Faintly felt the tremulous tones From thy sweet lips cooed low, Drooping with the liquid lull Of low rhapsody, by the sun Courted from the woodland dune, Into pastures, glad and free.

Through the mazes of deep speech Wandered we, absorbed apart— On the mingled flood of thought Drawing each other's heart— Till we felt the pulses start Of a mystic sympathy!

Ah! those brief, harmonious hours! When their winged music fled, Disordered all our senses ran, And the universe seemed dead, Only, moaning o'er its bed, I heard the low pathetic sea.

Of a similar character may be mentioned the pieces entitled "Here, when I have laid aside," "The Laughing Hours before her Feet," "The Realm of Rest," whose liquid flow shows a true sense of melody, as well as the feeling of the poet. The volume is dedicated to Mr. E. P. Whipple of Boston, in the following sonnet.

O Friend! to fate, for long dreary years, Distance and Time have raised their barriers strong; Yet Love, surviving, takes the wings of Song, And flies to greet thee; what's so rare or new Of false or feeble in these various lays, Forgive; the heart is in them, and to thee The lowest strains of true sincerity Rise like the music of a voice that ran, Though thou hast reached the south of greatest Sears, Shakespeare, and Spencer, Sidney—to the core Of their deep natures probing o'er and o'er— Still not the less to humbler bards are given Thy faith and homage—for the Poet's lore, Or great or small, is knowledge gained from Heaven!

A TREATISE ON MARITIME LAW. BY T. PARSONS. 2 vols. 8vo. Little, Brown & Co.

In this volume Prof. Parsons makes a valuable addition to the series of standard legal works, by which he has attempted to discharge "the debt which every man owes to his profession," and which have been received with such universal favor, by the bar of the United States, no less than by mercantile and business men, for whose use in consultation he has had constant reference in their composition. The law of shipping, of marine insurance, and of admiralty are fully treated in their mutual relations, as branches of maritime law. The various questions suggested by those topics are elucidated by a careful comparison of the authorities in English and American jurisprudence, and to a certain extent, of those of continental Europe. After the devotion of eight years to the preparation of the work, Mr. Parsons has succeeded in presenting many principles of maritime law in a novel point of view, and introduced a scientific unity into the consideration of topics which have heretofore been regarded as isolated and independent. He adheres to the same plan, which has been adopted with such admirable effect in his previous works, of restricting the text to an exposition of principles, and placing in the notes a selection of the leading authorities on which they rest, with such citations as seemed necessary to the complete illustration of the subject. With the peculiar facilities afforded by his official position for the satisfactory performance of his task, Prof. Parsons has produced a work no less remarkable for its condensation of an immense store of legal knowledge than for its amplitude of exposition, clearness of method, and vigorous movement of style.

MANUAL OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND SOCIETIES. THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH PROVINCES OF NORTH AMERICA. BY WILLIAM J. RICHES. 8vo. pp. 687. J. B. Lippincott & Co.

A rich collection of bibliographical statistics is embodied in this volume. It contains an account of the various public libraries in the United States and British American Provinces, including the number of volumes, historical notices of the institution, and in many instances interesting details respecting the character of the work. The preparation of such a volume involves an almost inconceivable amount of labor, and in the present case, exhibits a praiseworthy diligence and resolution on the part of the author.

HUMAN SOCIETY. ITS PROVISIONAL STRUCTURE, RELATIONS, AND OFFICES. BY A. A. LINDSAY. D. D. 8vo. pp. 307. Robert Carter & Brothers.

The substance of this volume was delivered as a course of Graham lectures before the Brooklyn Institute, and is characterized rather by popular illustration than profound discussion. It treats of the uses of society, as an expression of divine thought, a discipline of individual character, a school of mutual help, and the sphere of the kingdom of Christ on earth. The style of the volume is animated and lucid, but its historical statements are often wanting in accuracy, and its reasonings exhibit more ingenuity than logical force.

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